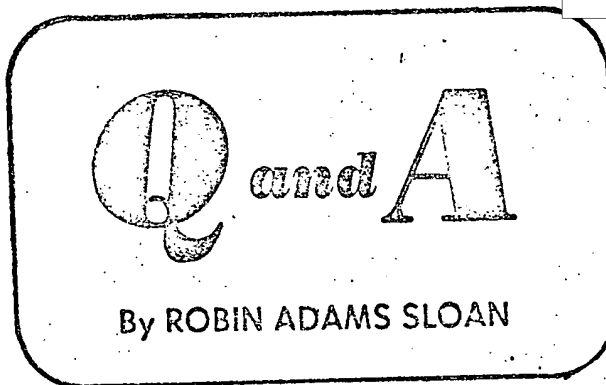


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**Q.** Has anything turned up on the missing American businessman in Siam who was supposed to be a CIA agent — you know, Jim Thompson? — H. E., San Antonio.

**A.** Nothing new. Thompson, a New York architect who was once with the OSS (forerunner of the CIA), did go to Thailand, fell in love with the country and set up the successful Thai silk industry. Seven years ago, while vacationing with friends in Malaysia, he went for a walk and was never seen again. Rumors have had him kidnapped, murdered, lost in the jungle, or disappearing to start a new life. Thompson's Bangkok home has been turned into an informal museum. He will be declared legally dead this year.